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- ☒ Assignment of the invention to Economic Strategies  
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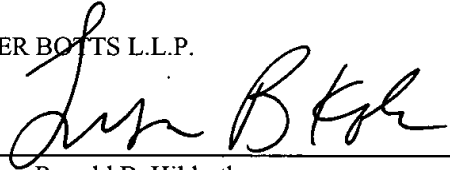
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